

INTERIM REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH to December 1943.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

| | 1942 | 1943 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Area in Acres | 6,381 | 6,381 |
| Population | 14,300 | 13,600 |
| No. of Inhabited Houses. | 3,415 | 3,415 |

VITAL STATISTICS.

| | 1942 | 1943 |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Births</u> Legitimate. | Male 120 Female 122 | Male 110 Female 110 |
| Illegitimate. | 8 7 | 8 10 |
| Total. | 128 129 | 118 120 |

Birth Rate. per 1,000 of Pop: 18.0 17.5

England and Wales Birth Rate, 15.8 16.5

| | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|--------------------------|------|--------|------|--------|
| Still Births Legitimate. | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Illegitimate. | - | - | - | - |

Rate per 1,000 Population. .35 .35

England and Wales Rate. .2 .51

| <u>DEATHS</u> | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|---------------|------|--------|------|--------|
| | 73 | 64 | 72 | 62 |
| | 137 | | 134 | |

Rate per 1,000 Population. 9.5 9.8
Rates for England and Wales. 11.6 12.1
Deaths per Puerperal Causes. Nil Nil

| <u>DEATHS of INFANTS under 1 year.</u> | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|--|------|--------|------|--------|
| Legitimate. | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Illegitimate | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | 8 | | 8 | |

Rate per 1,000 Births. 31.1. 33.6
Rate for England and Wales. 49 49

CHIEF CAUSES of DEATH.

| | Male | Female | 1943 | Male | Female |
|-------------------------------------|------|--------|------|------|--------|
| Cerebro-Spinal Fever. | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Respiratory Tuberculosis. | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | - |
| Other forms of Tuberculosis. | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Influenza. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Cancer of Digestive System. | 4 | - | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Cancer-other sites. | 6 | 4 | 8 | 3 | - |
| Diabetes. | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Disease of Heart and Blood Vessels. | 29 | 24 | 22 | 23 | - |
| Respiratory Diseases. | 6 | 8 | 12 | 9 | - |
| Ulcer of Stomach. | - | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Appendicitis. | - | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Nephritis. | 4 | 2 | 1 | - | - |
| Premature Birth. | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Birth Injuries. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - |
| Suicide. | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Violence. | 2 | - | 2 | 2 | - |
| Other Causes. | 8 | 14 | 12 | 12 | - |
| | 71 | 60 | 70 | 60 | - |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED.

| | <u>1942.</u> | <u>1943</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Scarlet Fever. | 17 | 22 |
| Whooping Cough. | 14 | 27 |
| Diphtheria. | 2 | - |
| Erysipelas. | - | 3 |
| Measles. | 94 | 18 |
| Pneumonia. | 2 | 2 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia. | 3 | 1 |

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

| | <u>Under 5 yrs.</u> | | <u>5 - 15 yrs.</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-----|--------------------|
| No: Immunised during year. | 1942. | 294 | 1179 |
| | 1943 | 146 | 46 |

WATER SUPPLY.

Water supply has been chlorinated since the War started and is satisfactory. The public supply covers most of the Borough.

SEWAGE.

The sewage works have been heavily overloaded since the evacuation and the problem has been solved by running it through the filters twice with the result of a satisfactory effluent.

HOUSING.

There is considerable overcrowding due to billeting and evacuation. Approximately 400 houses are either not worth repairing or will need very expensive repairs. No new houses have been built since the war and it is thought that another 400 will be needed as soon as possible.

GENERAL HEALTH.

The general health of the population has remained surprisingly good, due presumably to the supply of food being kept at a reasonable level. The provision of school meals seems to have kept up the health and nutrition of the school children.

SCABIES.

Most cases are treated by their own doctor, a few go to the Public Assistance Institution and some to the Isolation Hospital at Weyhill in cases where it is found inconvenient to treat them at home.

MEAT SUPPLY.

Slaughtering has been at the Co-operative Slaughterhouse distribution being to Andover Borough and Rural districts, and part of the Kingsclere and Whitchurch district. Inspection has been kept up to at least peace time standards but has involved a great deal of night work for the Inspector. Some of the meat has at times been rather poor quality, the amount of Tuberculosis has been about the same as pre-war; on the average 1 in 5 Carcases being infected.

